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Report of the Conference on Disarmament

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Conference on Disarmament,[1]

Convinced that the Conference on Disarmament, as the single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community, has the primary role in substantive negotiations on priority questions of disarmament,

Recognizing, in this respect, the need for additional impetus to multilateral negotiations with the aim of reaching concrete agreements,

Noting that the Conference on Disarmament has a number of urgent and important issues to negotiate,

1. *Reaffirms* the role of the Conference on Disarmament as a single multilateral disarmament negotiating forum of the international community;

2. *Urges* the Conference to fulfil that role in the light of the evolving international situation, with a view to making early substantive progress on priority items of its agenda;

3. *Welcomes* the decision of the Conference on 5 August 1999 to admit five new members,[2] and notes that the Conference recognizes the importance of continuing consultations on the question of expansion of its membership;

4. *Also welcomes* the Conference's strong collective interest in commencing substantive work as soon as possible during its 2000 session;

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 27* (A/54/27).
[2] Ibid., para. 16.

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5. *Further welcomes* the undertaking by the President to jointly conduct with the incoming President consultations during the intersessional months in order to try to achieve this goal, as expressed in his statement contained in paragraph 38 of the Conference's report;

6. *Encourages* the Conference to continue the ongoing review of its agenda and methods of work;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to ensure the provision to the Conference on Disarmament of adequate administrative, substantive and conference support services;

8. *Requests* the Conference on Disarmament to submit a report on its work to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "Report of the Conference on Disarmament".